

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-67 are pending in this application. By the submission of this paper, claims 8, 17-25, 27-31, 34 and 40-66 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 7, 33, 35 and 67 are amended. No new matter has been introduced by this response.

Restriction/Election Requirement

The Office Action indicates that "[t]his application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: Figures 1, 4, 9, 12, 17, 21, 25, 29, 25[sic], 35, 37, 38, 41, 43, 45 and 47. The species are independent or distinct because all the Figures are clearly distinct from each other."

Applicant's Election

Applicant provisionally elects to pursue prosecution of the species directed to Figs. 1 and 12. Applicant notes that Fig. 12 is a detailed view of Fig. 1. At least claims 1, 7, 9, 33, 10 and 67 are believed readable on the elected species (i.e., Figs. 1 and 12).

Applicant's Traversal

This election is made with traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that (1) all of the claims are properly presented in the same application; (2) undue diverse searching should not be required; and (3) all claims should be examined together. For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the election requirement should be withdrawn and an action on the merits of all the originally presented claims is respectfully solicited.

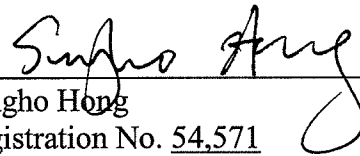
If any issues exist, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

AUTHORIZATION

A petition for a one-month extension of time along with the associated fee is enclosed, extending the date for responding until October 8, 2007. Should an additional extension of time be required to render this paper timely filed, such extension is hereby petitioned and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees necessitated by this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-5177). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED. An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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